非リア充のみなさん、
まじスンマセン!!

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弘光とハイパーリア充な日々を送る、幸せ絶頂のはとり♥
一方、中島から「安達さん捨てて、あんたもちゃんと傷つきなよ」と
一喝された利太は、ついに安達との別れを決断!! これにて一件落着…かに思いきや!
あの冷静沈着なツッコミでお馴染みの中島が…!? 恋愛模様は大混戦に突入!!!!

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ヒロイン失格⑥

最近のはとりのリア充っぷりに
誰よりもイラついているのは
この私だという事を忘れないでください。
リア充、
引き続き爆発しろ…!!
幸田もも子

ヒロインクラシックス
そんでむらさきどーなった？
誰がスッピン見せるかよ
姐さんカウントダウン！
姐さんカウントダウン！〜恋愛抗争編〜
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THE STORY UP UNTIL NOW:

Hatori, who has been turned down twice by her childhood friend Rita, has finally put an end to her unrequited love of many years. She gets enraptured by a seriously unthinkable love confession from Hiromitsu =heart=, who said that love was an illusion. Hatori and Hiromitsu start dating seriously, but even her second attempt to have sex with him has unfortunately ended in failure... Hatori feels apologetic towards Hiromitsu, who kindly consoles her, so Hatori resolves to answer him through her feelings with everything she's got.

Hatori, who is now absorbed in her love with Hiromitsu, causes Rita to suddenly confess to her out of the blue. However, while telling Hatori that he likes her, he had not broken up with Adachi yet and went to see her. Nakajima can't take it anymore so she yells, "Throw away Adachi-san and rightly you will get hurt too" at Rita. What in the world will he do!?

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CHAPTER 20
heroine shikkaku

I'M HONESTLY SORRY!!

TO EVERYONE WHO'S LIVING LIFE IN THE DUMPS...

BECAUSE RIGHT NOW,

I'M LIVING THE LIFE AT ITS BEST!!

Eh?

OH, NOTHING...

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW HAPPY I AM TO BE ABLE TO WALK AND HOLD MY BOYFRIEND'S HAND.

IT'S NOT NORMAL FOR ME!!

ahaha

REALLY? ISN'T IT NORMAL?

HUH?

WHAT'S WRONG?

I WAS REALLY JEALOUS OF THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT EVERYONE ELSE DID SO NATURALLY.

HAVING A BOYFRIEND WHO COMES TO PICK ME UP

AND GETTING A RING FROM HIM AND SO ON;

I'M REALLY HAPPYYY~

hehehe

THAT'S WHY, RIGHT NOW,

SOO, WHAT NEXT?

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO DO?

HUH?

HATORI-CHAN, YOU'RE JUST LIKE *TEINENBI! (HA)

* FEMALE CHARACTER FROM "WHAT DOES TEINENBI MEAN?" A CUTE SIMPLE CHARACTER BUT VERY LOUD AND ABRASIVE.

NOW THAT I'M HERE,

I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER WANTED.

freeze

I SAID SOMETHING EMBARRASSING AGAIN...

Y-YEAH!!

yeah!!

I'M HOME!

SOOOOO HAPPY THAT IT SCARES ME!

GEEZ, I'M HONESTLY

HUH?

WHAT'S WITH THOSE SHOES?

A GIRL NAMED ADACHI-SAN? WAS WAITING FOR YOU IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE,

SO I ASKED HER TO WAIT IN YOUR ROOM INSTEAD.

mum

First Appear-ance

Ahh

HATORI -CHAN!

Welcome home.

IS SOMEONE HERE?

OH, YES.

yes, yes.

EH, WAIT.

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.

I'LL PUT ON SOME TEA SO

DID YOU JUST SAY ADACHI -SAN!!?

BRING UP SOME *KURI-MUSHI -YOUKAN FOR HER, OKAY?

Mama's selected snack for Adachi based on her first impression

*KURI-MUSHI-YOUKAN CONSISTS OF SWEET BEAN PASTE, KANTEN SOLUTION, AND SUGAR.

!

WHY HAS ADACHI-SAN COME TO MY HOUSE?

SHE'S REALLY HERE!

and with that proper posture.

Good evenin'~

It's cookay, but...

AH, MATSU-ZAKI -SAN,

I'M SORRY FOR INVITING MYSELF IN SO SUDDENLY.

Ah

EXCUSE ME,

AH, UM...

I CAME BECAUSE I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.

wha-

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YOU SEE...

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT TERASAKA-KUN MIGHT BE BREAKING UP WITH ME SOON...

AM I A CONFES-SIONAL PRIEST?

WHAT IS IT?

try saying something first

.....

AAAH, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACT!

Is-

IS THAT SO?

TERASAKA-KUN LIKES YOU.

I THINK THAT

I MEAN, PROBABLY, THAT IS.

!

blegh

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I'M SUFFERING,

I DON'T BELIEVE I CAN DO ANYTHING MORE ABOUT IT.

IF TERASAKA-KUN DOESN'T LIKE ME ANYMORE, THEN

MATSUZAKI -SAN, I...

I SAID THIS EARLIER, BUT I THINK THAT LIKING SOMEONE MEANS RESPECTING THAT PERSON'S FEELINGS.

.....

BUT, MATSUZAKI-SAN,

I WANT TO RESPECT TERASAKA-KUN'S FEELINGS.

SO, THAT'S WHY

I WISH

THERE WAS A PLACE WHERE I COULD THROW MY FEELINGS AWAY..

WHAT ABOUT MY FEELINGS?

WHERE SHOULD I PUT THEM...?

.....

ADACHI,

THIS IS PRETTY HARD.

AHA.

SORT YOURSELF OUT!

DO YOU REALLY MEAN WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN THROW AWAY YOUR FEELINGS?

IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA PROTECT YOUR OWN FEELINGS,

THEN, WHO WILL!?

WHO WILL PROTECT

MY FEELINGS TOWARDS RITA?

HER PROCESS OF THINKING SERIOUSLY PISSES ME OFF.

GOOD GRIEF.

YOU TRY YOUR BEST!!

rawr

YOU MUST DO ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING TO SEDUCE HIM!!

BUT SINCE ADACHI IS ADACHI, SHE WAS DESPERATE...

BUT,

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

WHAT WAS I DOING? SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT

EVEN THOUGH RITA DOES LIKE ME...

"HELP HER".

I GUESS I FINALLY FEEL LIKE WISHING FOR THE HAPPINESS OF THAT HATEFUL PERSON.

I REALLY AM THE RIGHTEOUS HEROINE RIGHT NOW AREN'T I?

shucks

YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY NOT ALLOWED TO BREAK UP!!

I WILL ALSO DO AS MUCH AS I CAN TO HELP YOU OUT!!

...HUH?

LET'S SEE WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I can't sleep

OKAY!

I'LL TRY CALLING HIM 3 TIMES AND IF HE DOESN'T PICK UP I'LL STOP RIGHT AWAY

BZZZZT

BZZZZT

IT'S 1:30AM... I WONDER IF HE'S SLEEPING

NO, SINCE IT'S HIROMITSU-KUN, HE MIGHT STILL BE AWAKE

BZZZZT

Hello?

EXACTLY ON THE 3RD RING!

YEAHH, BUT DON'T WORRY 'BOUT IT...

WHAT'S UP?

No, well, you see...

rises

NOT TO MENTION, HIS VOICE REALLY DOES SOUND LIKE HE JUST WOKE UP!!

SO-SORRY!!

YOU WERE SLEEPING... RIGHT!!?

AM I REALLY ACTUALLY WORRIED ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING?

AM I THAT GOOD OF A PERSON?

SHE CRIED A LOT..

SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT..

HUH?

SHE NOTICED THAT RITA LIKES ME AS WELL, SO...

EARLIER, ADACHI CAME TO MY HOUSE, AND I WAS REALLY SHOCKED,

Hm?

IF TERASAKA-KUN ACTUALLY LIKES YOU.

I WONDER...

NO, BUT STILL,

YEAH-

CAN I SAY ONE THING THOUGH?

NO MATTER WHAT, I WANT THOSE TWO TO RETURN BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE

and these feelings are completely true.

I mean, don't you think it's weird

how quickly he changed his mind?

!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

I THINK THE ONLY REASON THAT HE'S DEVELOPED FEELINGS FOR YOU IS BECAUSE

YAWN

YOU'VE COME TO LIKE ME.

AREN'T WE GETTING A BIT AHEAD OF OURSELVES?

WAIT, WHAT?

JUST NOW!?

Thank you, Hiromitsu-kun! You've enlightened me!

SO THEN

RITA DOESN'T ACTUALLY LIKE ME!?

IN THAT CASE

It's almost like he wants to compete with me

YEAH, HE IS THAT KIND OF KID!

HE'S RIGHT!

Beeeeep

Beeeep

EH?

Sorry for waking you up

Really, thank you (o^^o)

Hiromitsu kun, ove you (o'o)♡♡♡

I feel really refreshed

Ba Boo Beep

!

Can't sleep

EITHER WAY

LIKE I SAID, THANK YOU FOR WHAT?

THAT SHOULD BE IT

ESPECIALLY SINCE RITA CLEARLY CHOSE ADACHI THAT TIME AS WELL.

Can sleep

I JUST NEED TO OPEN RITA'S EYES.

THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE SOLVED!

Adachi will be happy too!

GREAT! AWESOME!

AAAH, I KNEW IT HIROMITSU-KUN REALLY IS A GENIUS.

SO,

LET'S ALL FIND HAPPINESS TOGETHER!

OPEN YOUR EYES, RITA!

no

Like I said.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

HONESTLY, WHETHER HE LIKES YOU OR NOT IS RITA'S DECISION

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT

LATELY, YOU'VE JUST BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO USE PEOPLE BEFORE DUMPING RITA ON THEM, HAVEN'T YOU?

I DON'T LIKE THIS! IT'S SUCH A PAIN.

I'LL SET HIM FREE FROM THE MAGIC OF LOVE!

no

IT'S JUST THAT

WHY ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING WEIRD AGAIN?

!!

YOUR VOICE IS WAY TOO LOUD

THERE'S NO WAY RITA LIKES ME! IT'S NOT ACTUALLY THAT COMPLICATED!

'SCUSE...

whoosh

No, just now, that.

The "complicated" was only figurative

ah

HEYYYY, NAKAJIMA.

I HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO GIVE BACK TO MOE

whoosh

clunk

Thanks for the food!

Washing Dishes

AH WELL, WHATEVER, I'M GOING TO SAY IT.

ABOUT THAT CONFESSION EARLIER,

I DON'T THINK THOSE ARE ACTUALLY YOUR TRUE FEELINGS.

THAT'S TOTALLY IT!

BECAUSE I USED TO ALWAYS SAY I LIKED YOU AND GET RILED UP ABOUT IT.

BUT NOW THAT I DON'T, I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU GOT A BIT LONELY

grab

COME HERE A SEC.

RITA, SEE, YOU HATE HIROMITSU-KUN, RIGHT?

SO YOU JUST GOT A LITTLE EXCITED IS ALL.

See

YOU MEAN IT'S TEMPORARY?

Is that what you're saying?

WHY DOES IT

I MEAN, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TURNED ME DOWN THAT TIME

wahaha

FEEL LIKE I'M JUST MAKING EXCUSES?

SO.

YEAH.

SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS

YOU'RE RIGHT.

STING

I FEEL GUILTY...

NOW THAT I DON'T LIKE RITA ANYMORE.

I FOUND HAPPINESS ALONE.

RITA WAS THE ONE WHO DUMPED ME

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN HELP IT!

I'LL TRY THINKING IT OVER ONE MORE TIME.

.....

AH, I SEE...

RITA LED ME ON A LOT, DIDN'T HE?

BUT THEN AGAIN

I MESSED THINGS UP A LOT, DIDN'T I?

Now that I think about it

THOUGH SINCE I HAD A HARD TIME GETTING OVER HIM,

IF I HAD JUST GIVEN UP SOONER

NO, NO, BUT WAIT,

SAYING THAT I WANT THEM TO GET BACK TOGETHER

ISN'T FOR ADACHI'S SAKE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT

RITA PROBABLY WOULD'VE

STILL LIKED ADACHI.

IN THE END,

I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE MADE OUT TO BE THE BAD GUY.

kyah!

Stop it!

kyahaha hahaha

I said stop it!

kyaha hahaha

IT'S A DEADLY PUNCH!

"Hatori!"

HEY, HATORI, LOOK!

THIS HAS GOTTA BE SOME SORT OF EGG!

YOU'RE RIGHT!

WOWWW

THERE'S NO WAY THERE'S A ROCK THIS ROUND!

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HEY, HATORI!
I'M GOING NEXT! NEXT!
I M GOING TO BRING IT HOME AND INSPECT IT!
ROGER!
HUH...?
.....

shock
!!
WAH!
.....

DID YOU THINK THAT I LEFT!?

.....

YOU WERE SURPRISED, WEREN'T YOU?

ALRIGHT!

YOU'RE SO SLOW.

IT'S BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU LEFT ME BEHIND

I ENDED UP GETTING A CINEMA TICKET.

Ah

SOMEHOW, YESTERDAY.

AHAHA, I SEE!

Eh?

AHH,

NOTHING REALLY

WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING AT, TERASAKA -KUN?

Where did that girl go?

HATORI...

Geez

IF YOU'D LIKE, TODAY..

Ah

FOUND YOU!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T SUBMITTED THEIR BIOLOGY REPORT!

Osawa is furious

Ack!

NO WAY!

Ah

SORRY, ADACHI.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

NOTHING.

IT'S FINE, AFTER ALL.

.....

I SEE..

I KNEW IT.

YOU GOIN' HOME?

I'M WAITING 'TILL HIROMITSU -KUN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE OVER.

ALRIGHT!

later

THERE'S NOTHING MORE

THAT I CAN DO.

FOR RITA, WHO I USED TO LIKE SO MUCH.

WHY IS IT THAT THE FEELING OF LOVE DOESN'T SEEM TO DISAPPEAR

LIFE

DOESN'T ALWAYS GO THE WAY YOU WANT, DOES IT?

Seriously

AS I THOUGHT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THINK ABOUT IT,

I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU.

haha

I REALLY AM.

TRY SAYING AROUND 10 REASONS.

SO, WHY DO YOU LIKE ME?

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S WEIRD HOW YOU SUDDENLY COME TO LIKE ME

YOU'RE TOO LATE! STUUUPID—

.....

Wha-

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

THERE AREN'T THAT MANY.

THE PART OF YOU THAT'S SIMPLE

AND THE PART OF YOU THAT'S IDIOTICALLY HONEST.

Firstly,

MAYBE THE PART OF YOU THAT'S AN IDIOT?

dna

THEYRE ALL ABOUT BEING STUPID!!

AND THAT PART OF YOU THAT S AN IDIOT AS WELL?

THE PART OF YOU THAT'S AN IDIOT,

That makes 3 things

WHAT'S LEFT?

I CAN'T THINK FAST.

well, in other words

I GUESS I LIKE

EVERYTHING.

I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO BECOME THE BAD GUY.

YEAH.

UM, BUT DIDN'T YOU PICK ADACHI-SAN?

but

I'LL SEE YOU LATER

pat

I REALISED THAT I HAD FEELINGS FOR YOU DEEP DOWN INSIDE.

BUT I JUST PRETENDED NOT TO SEE THEM.

RITA

I like Hiromitsu-kun now!

I...

Rita, you'll end up alone!

Don't give up!

Are you going to break up with Adachi-san?

I'LL JUST BECOME HATORI.

I'LL BE FINE.

SO, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS,

I'LL BE YOUR ALLY.

NO!

What the heck?

WHAT!?

A sex change!?

I WOULD TRY COPYING YOU.

I THOUGHT THAT

IF SOMEONE MAKES YOU CRY,

THEN I'LL KICK THEIR BUTT FOR YOU.

IF SOMETHING FUNNY HAPPENS, I'LL LAUGH WITH YOU.

IF YOU AND HIROMITSU-KUN GET MARRIED,

THEN I'LL EVEN PLAY MY VIOLIN AT YOUR WEDDING OR SOMETHING.

IF YOU'RE ALONE, THEN I'LL JUMP IN FROM WHEREVER TO BE WITH YOU.

CATCHA LATER

SO, IN ORDER TO BECOME A GUY LIKE THAT,

I'LL DO MY BEST!

RITA...

!

ADACHI,

JUST NOW...

.....

!

TERASAKA -KUN,

JUST TELL ME WHAT IT IS YOU WANT TO SAY.

BE HONEST AND SAY IT.

I'M SORRY, ADACHI.

I HAVE SOMEONE THAT I LIKE.

UP UNTIL NOW,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERYTHING.

I GUESS HIROMITSU -KUN'S CLUB HAS FINISHED NOW.

breathes

RITA?

!

……

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CHAPTER 21
heroine shikkaku

Introduction

Everyone. Thank you very much for getting a copy of "Heroine Shikkaku" Vol. 6.

Although I think I say this every time, I never thought that this manga could possibly ever be allowed to continue to this extent. For that, I am really happy!!!

This series is being roughly completed, but I've had thoughts of this development since quite a while ago. I thought that for sure, without drawing, that this series would be at its end, so now that it's a comic, it really is mysterious, like a dream. ♡

All of it... is thanks to everyone!

I am going to give it my all, so please, this time around, too,

I leave "Heroine Shikkaku" in your hands. ♡♡♡

It-
IT WAS WITH ME...

!
grip
SHHHHHH HHHHHHH
HE PROBABLY BROKE UP.
with Adachi-san.
I SEE...
Ah
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH THAT WATER!?
I GUESS YOU CAUGHT ME
EVEN THOUGH I WAS TRYING TO HELP THE GUY CRYING HIDE HIS TEARS.

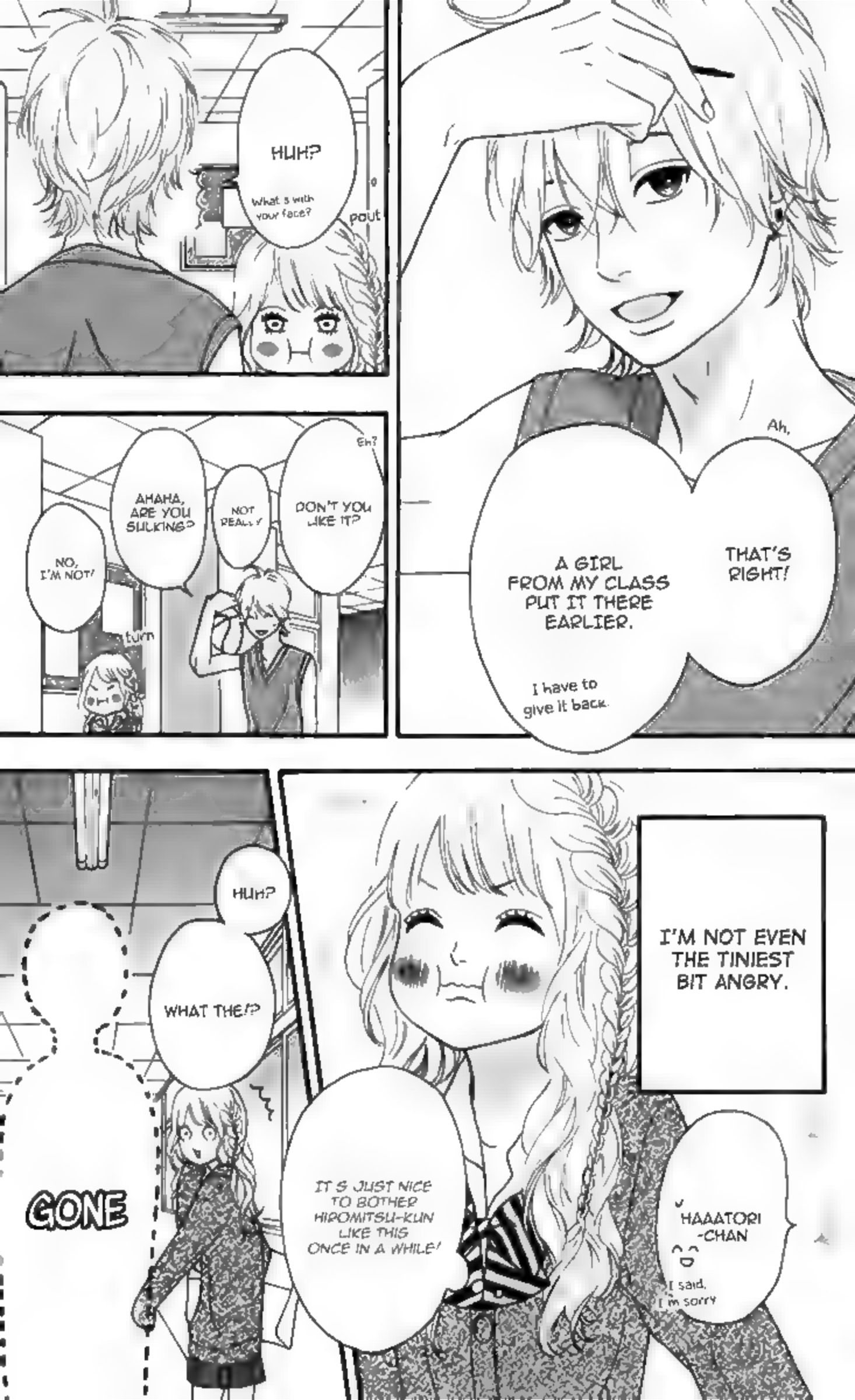
THAT SYNDROME!
THE BURN-OUT SYNDROME
haha
!
THE REASON HE DIDN'T REALISE THAT HE FORGOT HIS CELLPHONE UNTIL HE REACHED THE STATION IS

WOAH! WHAT THE HELL? HE'S CRYING!?
HE'S FINALLY LOST IT WHAT A USELESS GUY
What happened?
!!
tears
tears

DURING THE CLASS REUNION..
I WASN'T CRYING!
!
OH, REALLY?
grin grin
NO NEED!
WANT ME TO PAT YOUR HEAD?
MAYBE I SAID A BIT TOO MUCH...
EVEN THOUGH RITA WAS CRYING,
I COULDN'T EVEN CALL OUT TO HIM...

dash
I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING.
HIROMITSU -KUN.
ENOUGH, ALREADY
I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO. THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING FOR HIM.
THEY PROBABLY BROKE UP, DIDN'T THEY?
HUH?
grip
Hiromitsu-kun!
hold me!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME?
HATORI-CHAN, OVER HERE, OVER HERE
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YEAH, YOU SEE,
I KNOW. I RAN HERE LIKE CRAZY,
BUT MAYBE IT'S BETTER FOR ME NOT TELL HIM ABOUT EARLIER
BESIDES I DON'T WANT TO MAKE HIM WORRY UNNECESSARILY!
BY THE WAY, THAT HAIR PIN IS CUTE
IT'S NOTHING! I JUST WANTED TO GO HOME TOGETHER WITH YOU, AS USUAL


HUH?
What's with your face?
pout
Ah,
THAT'S RIGHT!
A GIRL FROM MY CLASS PUT IT THERE EARLIER.
I have to give it back.
Eh?
DON'T YOU LIKE IT?
NOT REALLY
AHAHA, ARE YOU SULKING?
NO, I'M NOT!
turn
I'M NOT EVEN THE TINIEST BIT ANGRY.
HAAATORI -CHAN
I said, I'm sorry
IT'S JUST NICE TO BOTHER HIROMITSU-KUN LIKE THIS ONCE IN A WHILE!
HUH?
WHAT THE!?
GONE

KIROMITSU-KUN...
EH. COULD IT BE JUST BECAUSE OF THAT HE GOT TIRED OF ME!?
grab
AH!

HATORI-CHAN, YOU LOSE.
BADUM?

WHEN DID I EVER BEAT YOU?
EH?

sobs
I'M NO MATCH FOR HIROMITSU -KUN
EVERY NOW AND THEN, I HAVE TO WIN, TOO

I'VE BEEN HAD
AHAHAHA!

SO THAT'S HOW YOU WANT TO PLAY THIS!?
!
NOT TELLINGGG.
.....
DON'T WANNA.
JUST ONE HINT
HINT!
BUT I'LL STILL ASK
I FEEL LIKE NO MATTER WHAT I DO I'LL ALWAYS BE FORGIVEN. AS A RESULT, I'VE BECOME SUPER SPOILED
WHENEVER I'M WITH HIROMITSU-KUN,

bzzt
bzzt
bzzt

Adachi
bzzt

I'M SORRY, RITA.
BUT I'VE FOUND MY HAPPINESS NOW.
bzzt

HELLO?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
ISN'T IT CHRISTMAS SOON?
I'M SO EXCITED!
whoosh
AH, ISN'T THIS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE WHERE I'M SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH A BOY-FRIEND!?
EHHHH!? WHAT SHOULD I DO!?
toilet

HUH?
What?
WELL, WITH WHAT HAPENED YESTERDAY,
I TOLD YOU THAT IT WAS POSS BLE
besides, she came crying
TERASAKA IS SERIOUSLY THE WORST!
POOR ADACHI -SAN!
YEAH THAT S RIGHT
AS I THOUGHT, ADACHI-SAN DIDN'T COME IN TODAY
...
well,
YESTERDAY YESTERDAY, WE WERE AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME AND SAW IT
by chance that is
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? CAN YOU TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY?
?
EH!?
what? what?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUTTTT?
!

WHAT?
HATORI,
I HEARD IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN HELPED SINCE YOU WERE THE ONE HE CONFESSED TO
well
ADACHI-SAN WAS CRYING A LOT, IT WAS SO BAD!
YOU'VE NEVER EVEN HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH HER, UP UNTIL NOW.
HOLD ON, IN WHAT WAY ARE YOU WORRIED!?
AFTER ALL,
BUT YOU SEE, WE'RE JUST WORRIED BECAUSE ADACHI-SAN DIDN'T COME TODAY,
WHAT? AFTER SEEING WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY, I BASICALLY JUST -
right?
BESIDES, YOU SAID IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH US, BUT ARE WE NOT ALLOWED TO WORRY ABOUT A CLASSMATE?
EURGH, HOW ANNOYING...
STOP SAYING BAD THINGS ABOUT RITA! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM?
THIS DOESN'T REALLY CONCERN YOU, SO LET IT GO!
IS THIS WHAT YOU CALL THE NATURE OF ONLOOKERS?
NO, NO, NO, WAIT A SECOND.
you guys
RIGHT, LET'S DO THAT
CAN WE GO AND GET MY WORKSHEET AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?

PLUS, THIS AS WELL AS THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU ONLOOKERS!!
NO, NO, NO, NO, LISTEN YEAH, I WAS TURNED DOWN AFTER THAT!!
FINE LET'S GO, LET'S GO
YOU'RE THE WORST
BANG
WHAT!? EH! HOW, IN WHAT WAY!?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT! HATORI, ISN'T IT YOUR FAULT, ANYWAY!?
MORE-OVER,
!!
EH. THEN THEY'VE BOTH BEEN CHEATING EVER SINCE THEN?
awful.
AH YEAH. THAT S WHAT MISAKI WAS SAYING!
DIDN'T YOU AND TERASAKA HOLD HANDS ?
during the fireworks festival
WHAT?
I'M SO FUCKING PISSED OFF!!!
WHAT WHAT WHAT WHAT WHAT WHAT WHAT WHAT!!?

whisper
whisper
YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO COVER UP YOUR NOSINESS BY SAYING THAT YOU'RE DOING IT FOR ADACHI!!
APPARENTLY TERASAKA-KUN'S DATING A GIRL FROM OUR CLASS AT THE SAME TIME
WOAH! THE NERVE!
Ah but
if it were NYAS' Kaki P, then it's possible.
Kyahaha
What the heck!
EVEN IF YOU'RE GOOD-LOOKING, THAT'S JUST NOT RIGHT!!
NO WAY! THAT'S PATHETIC!
I heard that his girlfriend is in the hospital right now.
Ehh
HEY! HEY! SEEMS LIKE TERASAKA-KUN IS A FAST WORKER WITH WOMEN.
WOAH, TERASAKA IS SERIOUSLY THE WORST!!
no way
that's why she's not in school today
I HEARD THAT ADACHI GIRL GOT AN ABORTION.

GOOD LORD
Kyahaha, Terasaka's done everything!
EH, DOESN'T THAT MEAN HE CAN SEE FAIRIES AND DWARVES?

I CAN'T HOLD IT IN ANYMORE.
.....

I TOLD YOU TO LEAVE IT BE! IT'LL JUST GET EVEN MORE COMPLICATED IF YOU GET INVOLVED
Since you're kind of directly involved
I AM GOING TO CUT OFF THE ROOT OF THIS GOSSIP!!
Bring it on!!

ALL IT IS IS THAT THEY LIKE GOSSIPING...
NO ONE ACTUALLY GIVES A CRAP ABOUT ADACHI.
I HEARD THAT ON THE EVE OF A FULL MOON, TERASAKA TRANSFORMS INTO A GORILLA AND BLOWS A TRUMPET! (AHA)

HIT
crack
!!
But...
I TOLD YOU, THEY'LL GET TIRED OF IT SOON.
PEOPLE WILL SPREAD ALL KINDS OF RUMOURS!
NAKAJIMA, YOU'LL BECOME AN IDIOT IF YOU TELL ME TO LEAVE IT BE!
bursts into tears

OH!
I thought he was being bullied.
Wah Sorry! Really

I WAS ABLE TO STAY BY HIS SIDE NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED.
I'M SORRY
UP UNTIL NOW,
sniff
RITA...

I DON'T LIKE OTHERS SAYING BAD THINGS ABOUT RITA.
.....
I DON'T LIKE IT.
AND I DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR HIM.
VIDEO CD
TSUTAYA
SHOP adakyu
adakyu
.....
yo
What's with that expression?
ARE YOU NOT FEELING GOOD?
!
I HEARD THAT YOU CAN TRANSFORM INTO A GORILLA ON THE EVE OF A FULL MOON!
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
YES!

OH!
nice!
ah
I WANNA LISTEN TO THIS.

ALTHOUGH THE WAY YOU DID IT WAS HORRIBLE,
HEY,
YOU KNOW,

TALK IT OUT WITH SOMEONE YOU WANT TO TALK TO.
BECAUSE, HONESTLY, YOU REALLY AREN'T THAT HORRIBLE.
?
THE FACT THAT YOU DREW THE LINE ITSELF,
I THINK WAS YOUR WAY OF DOING YOUR BEST.

haha,
THAT'S NOT VERY LIKE YOU.
WHAT SN'T?
BEING TOLD SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I GET A WEIRD FEELING
SHALL I BE EVEN NICER?
grin grin
IT'S GROSS! SHUT UP!
THIS BASTARD
IT'S FINE.
HONESTLY
BECAUSE I ENDED UP DOING THE WORST THING POSSIBLE
.....
!

ARE YOU STUPID?
THAT WAY OF THINKING IS REALLY ANNOYING.
AFTER ALL, DURING THE FULL MOON, I'M AN ORANGUTAN THAT'S CAPABLE OF ANYTHING
IT'D BE BEST IF YOU DIDN'T HANG AROUND ME THAT OFTEN, TOO
.....
THEN
COULD YOU COME OUT WITH ME FOR A BIT?

BY THE WAY YOU SUCK.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
STOP RUNNING INTO ME, STUPID!
WHOA!!

ABOUT ADACHI..

YES, I WIN AGAIN!
treat me to some juice
I'M NOT EVEN AN OTAKU!
YOU GAME OTAKU!
SHUT UP!
Even though you're an idiot!

HUH?
... OHH. WHAT DID THEY SAY?
THE OTHER DAY, ADACHI'S PARENTS CALLED ME.

Why am I getting so much into it?
WHY DID I COME TO A GAME CENTER WITH TERASAKA?

NAH, I THINK IT'S PRETTY NORMAL THAT THEY'D GET MAD,
BUT THE NEXT DAY, THIS WAS IN MY MAIL.
FROM ADACHI-SAN?
Is it okay for me to read it?
LIKE, YOU REALLY HURT OUR DAUGHTER!"
VARIOUS THINGS.
BUT, I DON'T THINK THAT'S SOMETHING PARENTS HAVE A SAY IN.
IT'S NATURAL FOR THEM TO HAVE GOTTEN SO ANGRY
"I'M SORRY FOR WHAT HAPPENED WITH MY MOM YESTERDAY"
OR SOMETHING LIKE
IT SEEMS THAT MY PARENTS HAVE TAKEN MY CELL PHONE FROM ME, SO
.....
SIMPLY ONLY SAYING A "THANK YOU"

If Terasaka-kun has talked things through with Matsuzaki-san,

then as always I will be your ally That's why I think it would be

good if you and Matsuzaki-san could be happy

together

I wonder if Hiromitsu-kun will be angry

at me for saying something like this... (Ha)

ADACHI...
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF SHE HAD NEVER GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH ME.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S THE ONE SUFFERING THE MOST,
SHE'S ONLY WORRYING ABOUT ME.
WITHOUT EVEN SAYING ONE HURTFUL WORD.

THIS GUY'S AN IDIOT
SIMPLY BEING ATTACKED IN SCHOOL
ISN'T ENOUGH OF A PUNISHMENT FOR ME.

And when it all backfires...
FOR BOTH ADACHI AND HATORI.
HE'S BEEN DESPERATELY THINKING THINGS OVER BY HIMSELF

IT'S ALL BACKFIRING
THINGS AROUND ME HAPPEN LIKE THIS, BUT IT'S NOT THAT OR LIKE THIS.

TERASAKA,
LOOK AT ME AND LISTEN WELL.
?
WHAT AN IDIOT!
Geeze
SO THE FACT THAT SHE WENT OUT WITH A STUPID GUY MEANS
THAT SHE CAN LEARN FROM THIS FOR NEXT TIME, AND IT WON'T BE USELESS.
MISTAKES COME BEFORE SUCCESS.
THEY SAY THAT

THERE ARE SOME GIRLS WHO WILL ALWAYS BE STUCK ON STUPID GUYS, BUT
THE BLESSED ADACHI-SAN IS A WISE GIRL.
RELAX,
BECAUSE, NEXT TIME, ADACHI-SAN WILL DEFINITELY FIND A GREAT GUY.
IF YOU CAN THINK OF IT AS SOME SORT OF EXPENSIVE TUITION FEE,
PLUS, LIFE IS LONG.
HAVING GONE OUT WITH A STUPID GUY LIKE YOU HASN'T BEEN USELESS.
for Adachi-san, that is
NAKAJIMA.
HUH?
YOU'RE LIKE AN OLD LADY..
a lot

with this sort of timing.
ARE YOU TRYING TO START A FIGHT?
THANK YOU, NAKAJIMA.

IN A WAY, IT KIND OF SAVES ME.
WHEN YOU CALL ME STUPID,
.....
OH ..
I'm glad.
AHH,
AREN'T YOU THIRSTY?
I'll buy and bring something back
TERASAKA IS DANGEROUS..
IS HE THE TYPE WHO TAKES TO SOMEONE WITH MOTHERLY INSTINCTS?
Heaven forbid.
Heaven forbid.

LATER
SEE YOU TOMORROW
.....
POP
geez
I KNOW ALREADY, I ADMIT IT! FOR A MOMENT THERE, MY HEART STOPPED
He's weak to motherly instincts.
IT'S NOTHING
Besides, I was free
THANKS FOR COMING OUT WITH ME
WHAT WAS WITH THAT SMILE, ANYWAY?
dangerous dangerous

KYOKO!!
THAT'S WHY I WONDERED WHAT WAS UP
GRAB
KYAH

T'NOD SAY "OH YEAH, IT IS," STUPID!!
It s dangerous
OH YEAH, IT IS
THE LIGHT WAS RED!!

BY THE WAY,

WHAT'S SO FUNNY!?
how rude
YEAH, I GUESS THAT'S THE KIND OF NAME YOU HAVE
haha
WITHOUT EVEN REALISING, I YELLED KYOKO
ha
haha

YOU'RE NOT ALONE, YOU KNOW!
please
NO, HONESTLY
I'm embarrassed

TH-THANK YOU.
flustered

EVEN THOUGH I CALLED YOU THAT THROUGHOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL, IT STILL FEELS WEIRD.
I FEEL GROSS WHEN YOU CALL ME THAT.
Probably for Hatori as well
Oh
IS THAT SO?
THEN TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY HOME...
KYOKO-CHAN! (LAUGHS)
!

AH! NO! NO!
get a hold of yourself
...
CRAP
TERASAKA!
♪
RITA...
rattle
rattle
I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING RIGHT NOW.
I WONDER IF HE'S ALL DEPRESSED BY HIMSELF
. CHAN
rattle

HATORI -CHAN!
Ah,
SORRY!! WHAT DID YOU SAY?
nah, don't worry
I'M GETTING OFF NEXT STOP, SO SEE YOU TOMORROW!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I SPACED OUT DURING MY PRECIOUS TIME WITH HIROMITSU -KUN!
TERASAKA -KUN, RIGHT?
FROM AWHILE AGO, THE ONE YOU'VE BEEN WORRYING ABOUT IS.

IS IT THE WEIRD RUMORS GOING AROUND ABOUT HIS BREAK-UP WITH ADACHI-SAN?
Ah,
YEAH.
I SPACED OUT A BIT JUST THEN.
NAH, THAT WAS BEFORE.
I was wrong to touch on that.
No,
BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT WORRY.
ahaha
.....

HATORI-CHAN,
?
IF YOU'RE THAT WORRIED,
YOU SHOULD JUST STAY BY TERASAKA-KUN'S SIDE.

The doors
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
Will close now.
HERE!

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GET OFF!
The next one won't be here for 20 mins.
I LOVE YOU, HIROMITSU-KUN!!

kiss

HOLD ON, RITA!!
STARTING FROM TOMORROW,

I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU.
.....
What is wrong with me?
NO, NO.
THERE'S NO WAY, NO WAY, NO WAY...

This is the girl version of Hiromitsu
that was uploaded on my blog

It seems like she and Hatori
would definitely
not get along (ha)

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CHAPTER 22
heroine shikkaku

HEY~
YOU KNOW TERASAKA, FROM GROUP 4?
PFF
YEAH, WHAT ABOUT HIM?

T/N: SAILOR MOON

DAAAAMN, THAT FELT SO REFRESHING!
dazed
YUP. THIS IS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE.
RITA,
ugh
THE ABSEN-TEES TODAY ARE-...
I'LL DEFINITELY PROTECT YOU!
ABSOLUTELY! I'LL PROTECT YOU TO THE FULLEST!!
I'LL NEVER ABANDON YOU.
1-4

NO WAY!
I see, I see
ALRIGHT.
JUST TERASAKA?
PROBABLY A COLD?
NO, RITA'S TOO STUPID!! HE'S SUCH AN IDIOT THAT HE'D ONLY CATCH A COLD ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS!
WHAT? IS THAT SOME NEW OLYMPIC SPORT?
EH!!?
WHAT IF, NO, SURELY...
WAIT.. MAYBE HE'S AFRAID OF THE RUMOUS OSO MUCH THAT HE'S STAYING HOME FROM SHOCK!?
NO..
HE'S JUST SKIPPING
as usual
I CAN'T BE LIKE THIS!!
WAIT, WAIT!
Youko, I m going to go look for-
how much do you intend to pamper him?

HUH?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN WITH RITA?
OH, YESETERDAY, WE WENT HOME TOGETHER, BUT WE STOPPED BY THE GAME CENTRE.
OOOOH, HOW RARE
A-ANYWAY-
IS THAT SO?
DON'T WORRY!
ANYWAY, HE SEEMED TO BE HEALTHY YESTERDAY.
HIROMITSU -KUN IS YOUR BOYFRIEND, RIGHT?
FUFUFU- WELL. ABOUT THAT.
HE MIGHT START TO WORRY IF YOU KEEP CONCERNING YOURSELF OVER TERASAKA.
you know how jealous he can get
HUH!? WHY?
YOU SHOULD STOP TAKING CARE OF TERASAKA LIKE THAT.
yes, yes

HIROMITSU-KUN HAS A MATURE PERSONALITY, SO HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEEM RUDE
TRY TO THINK ABOUT IT,
IF YOU WERE IN HIS SHOES-
THAT'S JUST AN ACT.
It was my darling, Hiromitsu-kun, who told me to stay by Rita's side.
He's such a kind-hearted guy. my sweetheart ♥
squeal ♥
I'D KILL HIM.
I kill that girl, too
your face Hatori, your face
I TOLD YOU SO.
WHAT IF HIROMITSU-KUN ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND, JUST BECAUSE SHE WAS FEELING UNCOMFORTABLE? WOULDN'T YOU HATE THAT?
Kou-chan, I'm feeling so sad.
There there ♡

YES, YES.
YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT HOW IT WOULD FEEL IF THAT HAPPENED TO YOU TOO THINK BEFORE YOU MOVE!
YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL!
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
YOU?
EVEN THOUGH YOU HATE THE FIX - TERASAKA GROUP?
IF YOU'RE THAT WORRIED, THEN I CAN GO CHECK UP ON TERASAKA FOR YOU
ARRRRGHH HHHHH!!!
It doesn't feel weird, anyway
yeah.
I MEAN, I USED TO SAY THESE SORTS OF THINGS AS WELL.
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING WRONG,
FINE,
I GET IT.

AND JUST WHEN I FINALLY THOUGHT I COULD PROTECT RITA!
I'M SURE HE'D BE HAPPY TOO.
WAAH~
THE CHRISTMAS TREE! IT'S SOOO PRETTY!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, IT'S ALMOST TIME
For Christmas, I mean.

!
SFX SURPRISE
MAYBE, A HANDMADE WOOLLEN SCARF?
HMMM,
HIROMITSU -KUN,
IS THERE A PRESENT YOU WANT?

HATORI-CHAN, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO DO?
WELL, ANYTHING ASIDE FROM THAT IS FINE!
AHAHA HAHA, YEAH...!
phew
thank god I asked.
THAT WAS DANGER-OUS.
was totally gonna make it
FLATTERY.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
I REALLY MEAN IT!!
EHHHHHH~
I DON'T MIND AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU!~
ahaha
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S CALLED?

IT'S A FIRST FOR ME, TO BE WITH MY BOYFRIEND ON CHRISTMAS.
I'M MORE THAN HAPPY WITH THAT!
HMMMMM
UP UNTIL NOW, I'VE ONLY EVER SPENT CHRISTMAS WITH NAKAJIMA, WHERE ALL WE EVER DID WAS EAT CAKE
I SHOULD TRY MY BEST!
I should find a part time job!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
I forgot
HIROMITSU -KUN,
WOULD YOU BE FREE TO GO ON A DATE ON THE 24TH OR THE 25TH?
HMP YEAH, THAT'S FINE.
DID YOU HAVE ANY PLANS?

E-EVERY CHRISTMAS,
I USUALLY SPEND IT WITH NAKAJIMA.
AND... YOU KNOW, I JUST THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD PROBABLY BE WITH HER FOR A DAY OR SO.

T/N: A SAMURAI'S SYMPATHY: SHE HAS SYMPATHY BUT STILL HAS HER DIGNITY

Someone who was gonna try his best to reserve the best hotel room in the city for the two of them
I SHOULD DO THIS FOR HATORI-CHAN.
WE CAN HAVE SLEEPOVERS ANY OTHER TIME
pft
I'M SO EXCITED~!!!
THIS IS GOING TO BE THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER!!
CHRISTMAS, HM?
I CAN FINALLY RELAX PEACE-FULLY THIS YEAR SINCE THAT IDIOT ISN'T GOING TO BE THERE
I'm going to rent a DVD and roll around
Someone who doesn't really care about Christmas

!
YO.
NAKAJIMA-

WE SURE DO BUMP INTO EACH OTHER OFTEN.
UGH,
ACT NATURAL, ACT NATURAL...!

WHY DID YOU SKIP SCHOOL?
MORE IMPORT - ANTLY,
creep.
ARE YOU STALKING ME?
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO QUIET?
.....

flop
H-HOT!
YOU'RE BURNING UP!!
I guess it he's not competing in the Olympics this year
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHA-
N-NO WAY!! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF
Geez
Pl... Piggy-back.. please
OKAY, WE'RE HERE
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!!

*T/N: KICHINTO MEANS NEAT, SO HERE IT IS AN INTENDED PUN.
*MISS K CHINNTO WAS HOSPITALISED A WEEK AGO.
HAH?! WHAT THE HEL_ ARE YOU ON ABOUT?!
SHE HAS A HIP HERNIA.
Kichin?

*T/N: AGAIN, KICHINTO MEANS NEAT, SO HERE IT IS AN INTENDED PUN.
Young master, please be kichinito*!
SHE COMES TO DO CHORES THREE TIMES A WEEK
KICHINNTO-SAN IS OUR HOUSE MAID.
WHAT ARE YOU?! A SPOILT BRAT!!
What's with that excuse?

T/N: INSTANT NOODLES
PIOP
WHAT IS THIS?!
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN EATEN ANY PROPER FOOD RECENTLY!!!
HOLD ON A MOMENT
BAM
Rita's shopping bag

di—
DISGUSTING!!!

*T/N: POCARI IS A SPORTS/IONIZED DRINK.

MMMM
MAKE SURE YOU DRINK THE POCARI* AND MEDICINE I BOUGHT YOU, OKAY?
AND STOP EATING THOSE NOODLES AND HAVE SOME PORRIDGE!
even if it's plain.

SO
COLD HEARTED.
!
SO, THAT WAS YOUR AIM!!
you spoilt bastard
YOU CAN TIDY MY ROOM IF YOU'D LIKE YOU KNOW
"ART OF THE PITIFUL BOY!"
don't give in, don't give in.
THERE IT IS, TERASAKA'S SECRET MOVE.

I'LL HELP WITH THE CHORES
UNTIL KICHINNTO-SAN RETURNS
.....
FINE, I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
ALTHOUGH, NOT TODAY.
DON'T PRAY!!
I'm not some god!!
I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU HOW TO DO THE CHORES, TOO!

IF I LEAVE HIM ALONE, HE'LL JUST BECOME A FAILED HUMAN BEING
YEAH, THAT'S ALL IT IS
WE'RE JUST FRIENDS, RIGHT?
EH?
WHY WOULD YOU GO THAT FAR, NAKAJIMA?
HMM,
I JUST WENT WITH THE FLOW
WA T, WHAT?
oh is that it?
ARE YOU GONNA MAKE HIM DINNER, AS WELL?
WOULD THIS BE FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS?
WELL. IT S NOT LIKE I'M GOING EVERY DAY..
only when I don't have work

WHY WOULD NAKAJIMA DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!
WHEN YOU GO
I'LL TAG ALONG TOO
hehe
THIS IS WEIRD.
HMMMMM MMMMMM MM...
WHAT?
NAKAJIMA.
WHAT?
DO YOU...
SURE, WHY NOT? THAT'S IF YOU'D BE TOTALLY FINE IF HIROMITSU-KUN WENT OVER TO HIS EX'S HOUSE

HUH?
DON'T BE STUPID.
eh?
BUT...
BUT...

nah,
ANY ONE ELSE WOULD'VE DONE THE SAME HAD THEY SEEN THE IDIOT
seriously
YOU'D NEVER DO THINGS LIKE THAT OTHERWISE?

NO, I HAVEN'T I'VE JUST BEEN SAYING THAT YOU SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON YOUR BOYFRIEND
BUT, WAIT, HAVEN'T YOU BEEN TRYING TO PUT A DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND RITA RECENTLY?

HAVE A CRUSH ON RITA?

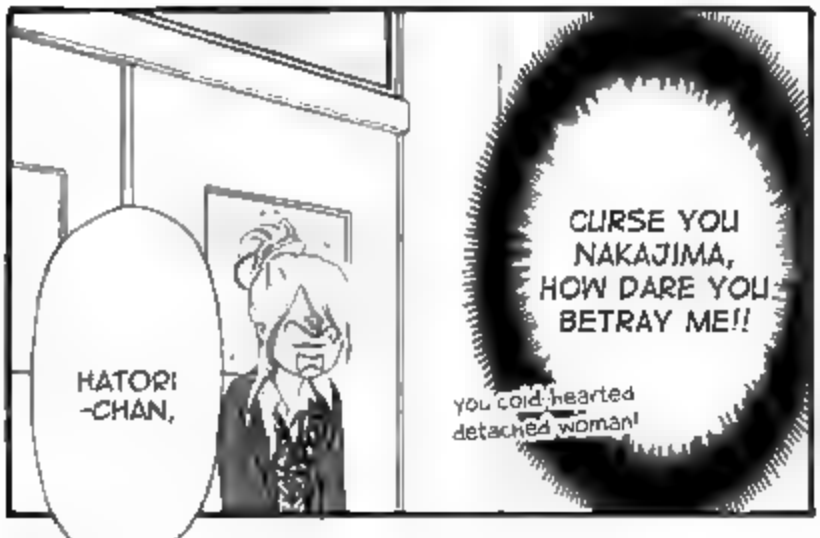
C'MON GUYS
GET TO YOUR SEAT
.....
.....
SUSPICIOUS

EVEN IF SHE HAD A CRUSH ON SOMEONE, SHE WOULDN'T ADMIT IT UNTIL SHE HAD THEM.

SINCE NAKAJIMA IS A
SELFISH AND DUMB PERSON,

I KNOW WHAT THIS IS

DON'T YOU DARE TRY TO UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!!!
BUT TRYING TO PUT A DISTANCE BETWEEN US!?


HATORI -CHAN,
CURSE YOU NAKAJIMA, HOW DARE YOU BETRAY ME!!
you cold-hearted detached woman!

SENSEI~ MATSUZAKI-SAN ISN'T RETURNING TO HER SEAT
!
MATSUZAKI, GET OUT OF HERE!

Skipping class
HOW ON EARTH DID YOU GET KICKED OUT? (LOL)
help
YOU KNOW, NAKAJIMA SAID-
HIROMITSU -KUN,

THAT WAS DANGEROUS, WHY WOULD I TELL HIM ABOUT THIS!!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HM?

ISN'T IT COMPLETELY FINE?!
SO WHAT IF NAKAJIMA LIKES RITA?
BESIDES, I HAVE HIROMITSU-KUN

I SEE
HAHA, NEVER MIND IT'S NOTHING—
SUS-PICIOUS

CA_M DOWN, ME

I SHOULD BE OPEN-MINDED ABOUT THIS.
YUP YUP.
Nakajima~
Let's go for lunch!
I'm not mad at you for kicking me out
WELL THAT'S NEW
What the heck
RATHER, I SHOULD CHEER HER ON!
smile

.....
YUP YUP, JUST LIKE THIS.
I'LL ALWAYS SUPPORT YOU!
WELL EVEN IF YOU LIKED RITA OR NOT,
So nice
smile
I'M TELLING YOU, I DON'T.
And stop it with the face

I WAS WRONG FOR ACTING THAT WAY AND I'M SORRY.
NO, NO
IT'S OK.

YOU KNOW ON CHRIST-MAS,
I'VE RESERVED THE 24TH JUST FOR YOU!
THE HEART OF THE ROYAL HEROINE MUST BE LIKE THIS!
OH YEAH,
BE HAPPY!
WAIT, WHAT?
What do you mean
.....
IT'D BE ANNOYING SO I WON'T TELL YOU
WHA- WHAT IF...
Huh?
IT WON'T BE ANNOYING!
Tell me—
WELL, IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A PLAN.
WHAT?! REALLY?!
SORRY, I ALREADY HAVE PLANS
Oh REALLY?
oh.

TERASAKA'S PROBABLY GONNA COME TOO, SINCE HE SEEMED INTERESTED.
WELL, MY MUM SAID SHE WOULD TRY HER BEST AND MAKE US A CHRISTMAS FEAST THIS YEAR

WELL, SINCE IT'S LIKE THIS MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE WITH HIROMITSU-KUN ON THE 24TH?

I KNEW IT...
YOU WANT TO COME HATORI?

UH, OH YEAH.
I'LL DO THAT
Ahahaha.

WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?
What should I eat today?
Ahaha
CRAP
SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH RITA?!
I THOUGHT SHE'D BE HAPPY
Hates being alone
FOR NAKAJIMA
SHE TOTALLY HAS A CRUSH ON HIM!
YO.
YOU'RE LATE!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR COLD?
IT'S OK

RITA!
WELL, I WAS PLANNING TO SKIP
BUT TODAY'S B LUNCH IS THE MYSTERIOUS PORK TORO BOWL ISN'T IT?
WOW, WHAT'S UP?
THAT SCARED ME
YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH NAKAJIMA
IS THAT RIGHT?
YEAH
I'M GOING TO EAT NAKAJIMA'S MUM'S FOOD
GOOD FOR YOU, HAVE FUN~~~

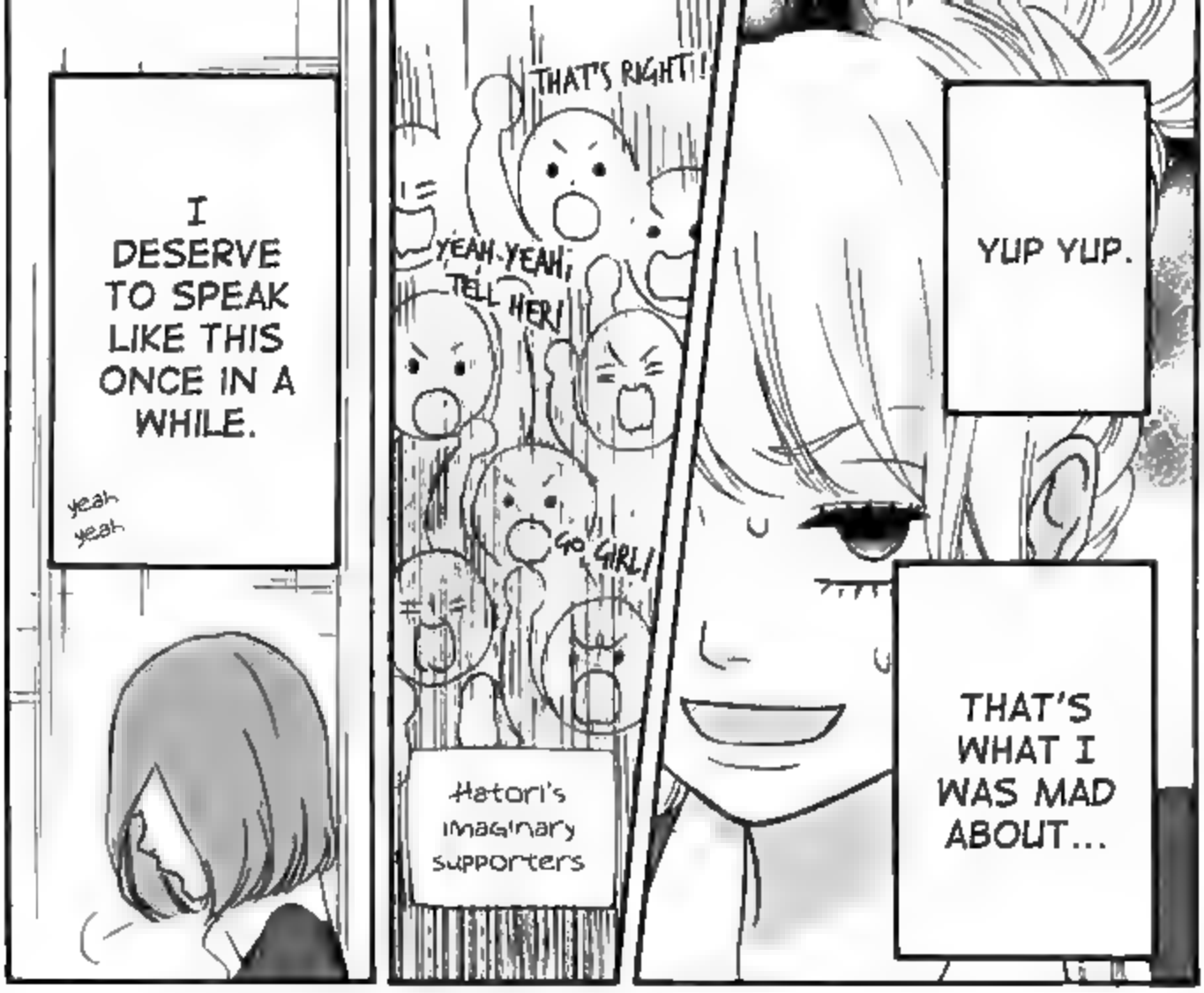
...
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING~~
HMPH!
O!, Hatori!
THAT'S NOT NOTHING!
HMPH?
?

HOW DID I BECOME THIS TWISTED?
HOW?
HATORI.
WHY
WHAT ARE YOU SO UPSET WITH SINCE THIS MORNING?
GRRRRR
ARE YOU THAT UPSET ABOUT ME AND TERASAKA GETTING ALONG?
GRR?
ISN'T RITA COMING?
Sorry I'm not Rita.
DAMN IT SHE SAW RIGHT THROUGH ME
PEEK

OK?
FINE, I'LL STOP.
I'LL TELL TERA-SAKA TOO.
.....
The Christmas Feast
IT'S FINE.
YOU LIKE RITA RIGHT?
I'LL LOOK LIKE SOME IDIOT!
IF I SUDDENLY ACCEPT HERE
See
IT'S OK LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
CHEER UP!
YOU'RE SO PERSIS-TENT I'M TELLING YOU I DON'T
BUT YOU DO, EVEN IF IT'S A LITTLE RIGHT? RIGHT?

YOU ALWAYS SAY 'I DON'T WANT IT' WHEN IN FACT YOU DO.
YOU DO IT SO YOU DON'T GET HURT, EVEN IF IT MEANS YOU CAN'T GET IT!
BUT YOU ALWAYS END UP GETTING WHAT YOU WANT
EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T PUT IN ANY EFFORT!
Excuse me?

ANYWAY, IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT YOU AND RITA TO GET ALONG
I JUST DON'T LIKE THAT PART OF YOU, NAKAJIMA!
Pisses me off


I DESERVE TO SPEAK LIKE THIS ONCE IN A WHILE.
yeah yeah
THAT'S RIGHT!!
YEAH YEAH, TELL HER!
GO GIRL!
Hatori's imaginary supporters
YUP YUP.
THAT'S WHAT I WAS MAD ABOUT...

SO, I'M TELLING YOU THAT I HONESTLY DON'T LIKE HIM.
BUT THAT DOESN'T COUNT AS LOVE.
.....
RECENTLY
I DO FIND TERASAKA CUTE...

SHOCK
AND IF YOU'RE SO PISSED, GO AHEAD.
I LIKE TO THINK THINGS THOROUGHLY
I CAN'T JUST SUDDENLY DECIDE THAT THAT'S WHAT I WANT WITH SUCH A WEAK-WILLED THOUGHT.
OF COURSE, I DON'T WANT TO GET HURT AS WELL.
Just like you said
ALSO, LET ME SAY THIS ..
ARE YOU FINE
IF I SAID THAT I WANTED TERASAKA?
ARE YOU?

BE HONEST WITH YOUR FEELINGS.
Whilst you still have the chance
I SEE. ALRIGHT.
I- it's OK. totally!

EVIL WOMAN
(REEPY LADY
GYAAAAHH
SHE'S SO SCARY!
WAAAHH
Hatori's imaginary supporters

I WON'T HAVE TO GO ASK FOR YOUR PERMISSION OR YOUR OPINION. OKAY?
ALRIGHT.
WELL. IF I DO END UP LIKING TERASAKA IN THE FUTRE...

JU-JUST

DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT!

DON'T BE LIKE THAT.
RIGHT NOW,
MY HEART IS ONLY FOR HIROMITSU-KUN.
HATORI-
YOU'RE NOT GOING?
With Hiromitsu-kun?
FOR A WHILE,
I'M NOT GOING HOME WITH YOU.

UGHH..
.....
OK, WHATEVER YOU SAY
Bye

WHAT?
DID YOU GUYS FIGHT OR SOME-THING?

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ME?
I HAVE NO CLUE

SOB SOB

IF IT'S YOU GUYS, YOU'LL PROBABLY GET BACK AGAIN.
DON'T WORRY.
RITA...
WHAT?
WAS IT THAT BIG OF A FIGHT?
Disgusting.

IT'S YOUR FAULT, YOU IDIOT!!

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HATORI~?
Want to go buy something?
RATHER THAN CALL IT A REAL FIGHT,
IT'S MORE LIKE I'M SULKING ABOUT THIS MATTER ALL BY MYSELF...
WHY DID IT EVER BECOME LIKE THIS, ANYWAY?!
THAT'S RIGHT THAT'S SINCE NAKAJIMA HAD
.. MENTIONED THAT SHE'D SPEND CHRISTMAS TOGETHER WITH RITA...
AND SO I WENT AND INVITED TERASAKA. HE SAID HE'D PROBABLY GO. THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY
IT SEEMS LIKE MY MOM'S GOING TO MAKE A FEAST FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR
YET, WHY EXACTLY AM I THIS IRRITATED BY THAT OF ALL THINGS?
Ah
I SUPPOSE I'M MAD AT HER BECAUSE SHE'S PRACTICALLY TAKING A SHORT-CUT TOWARDS HAPPINESS, RIGHT?

EVEN IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND, SHOULD I JUST STAND MY GROUND?
It'll be so lonelyyy without her!
ARGH...! I DON'T KNOW ANYMORE...!

GLOOMY

I MIGHT AS WELL LET HER REACH HER HAPPINESS EASILY, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
I MEAN, I'M ALREADY REALLY HAPPY WITH MY OWN SITUATION NOW!
!

SNAP
blehhh
THAT DAMNED NAKAJIMA...!
PFT
HEY, COME TO THINK OF IT.
YOU'RE HAVING A FIGHT WITH HATORI, AREN'T YOU?
I WON'T EVER FORGIVE YOU, AFTER ALL!!!
For-give her for what?
NAKAJIMA, YOU FOOL OF FOOLS...!!!

WHY DON'T YOU GUYS JUST TRY TO RECONCILE OVER THE MATTER?
WAIT, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I don't really get the sit though.
I WOULDN'T SHE S PROBABLY JUST IRKED OVER A SMALL MATTER, NOTHING MAJOR.
It always happens
EH? YOU DIDN'T UPSET HER OVER SOMETHING?
NOT REALLY. THAT GIRL'S JUST POUTING OVER SOMETHING.
BUT, I'LL JUST PLAY ALONG AND TEASE HER A BIT MORE...
now that I think about it, I've already told her some terrible things
Tergsaka... Look forward to the Christmas party, mmkay...?!
A-AH, ALL RIGHT
You're freakin me out with that face you know
HMM..
WELL, NOW SHE'S JUST IGNORING ME
I can't do a thing.
IN ALL HONESTLY, I'D RATHER NOT WORSEN THE SITUATION MORE THAN IT ALREADY IS.

I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT NAKAJIMA ANYMORE .!
ACTUALLY, SAME GOES FOR RITA-- I DON'T CARE ABOUT HIM ANYMORE!!!
Except Rita's right on the target
click
click
click
HATORI -CHAN, YOUR FACE HAS BEEN KINDA SCARY-
No way?!
.....

ARE YOU FREE FROM THE 24TH TO CHRISTMAS DAY?
Ah
YUP
DO YOU HAVE SOMEWHERE YOU WANT TO GO ON THOSE DAYS?
IF NOT SHOULD WE CHECK OUT THOSE CHRISTMAS TREES NEAR OX TOWER?
SURE, LET'S JUST GO ALONG WITH THAT...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, HM?
SAY, I WONDER TOO. WHAT SHALL WE DO~?
HATORI -CHAN,
SHE'S COMPLETELY OUT OF IT RIGHT NOW
YOU MUST HAVE SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU, DON'CHA?
EH?! WHY?! WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?!
!
YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING, YOU KNOW
OR, IS IT SOMETHING YOU CAN'T TELL ME?

I WANTED HIROMITSU-KUN TO LISTEN IN ON THIS.
TO BE COMPLETELY HONEST,
I BET HE'D DEFINITELY FIND THE ROOT OF ALL THESE WORRIES OF MINE
IF IT'S HIROMITSU -KUN THAT I SHARE THIS WITH,
IF SHE WOULD JUST TELL ME STRAIGHT-UP, I'D FEEL MUCH MORE RELIEVED OH HATORI-CHAN
I'M GONNA HEAD TO THE RESTROOM FOR A BIT BE BACK SOON!
.....
I'VE GOT TO OVERCOME THIS BY MYSELF!
BUT, I DON'T WANT TO MAKE HIROMITSU-KUN SOMEHOW MISUNDERSTAND ME
I don't want to worry him either
DON'T MIND ME IT'S NOTHING MUCH.
NAH, NEVER-MIND

Hiromitsu-kun's
Present List
WELL, ANYWAYS. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'VE YET TO DECIDE ON A PRESENT, MYSELF...

Number ①
A hand-crafted necklace filled with my love
Number ②
!
.....
Why's that crossed out?
I'VE COMPLETELY SEEN THROUGH YOU NOW, HATORI-CHAN. (LAUGHS)

CRAP! DID I SAY SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF NOT WANTING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
SHIT, I STEPPED ON A LANDMINE, DIDN'T I?!
I m the worst.
COME TO THINK OF IT, WAS SHE SERIOUSLY GOING TO GIVE ME A HAND-KNIT MUFFLER?!
IT'D JUST BE STRANGE IF I WERE TO JUST SUDDENLY MENTION HOW I LIKE KNIT THINGS NOW

I AM THINKING OF IS HIROMITSU-KUN.

THE ONLY ONE

HUH?
SORRY, I DIDN'T QUITE HEAR YOU.
JEEZ, AS I WAS SAYING...

THERE'LL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH I'LL PREPARE HERE, DON'T WORRY!
HMM..

IT WAS TODAY THAT THE COMPANY WAS HANDING OUT DISCOUNT COUPONS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNERS,
SO, I WAS THINKING IT'D BE WORTHWHILE TO HAVE THAT ARRANGED FOR US SINCE PAPA'S COMING HOME ON THE 24TH TOO!
Nakajima's mum
AH, I SEE WILL I HAVE ENOUGH FOOD?

Eh?
THAT THEN MEANS I'LL BE ALONE WITH TERASAKA?!
Should I invite someone else?

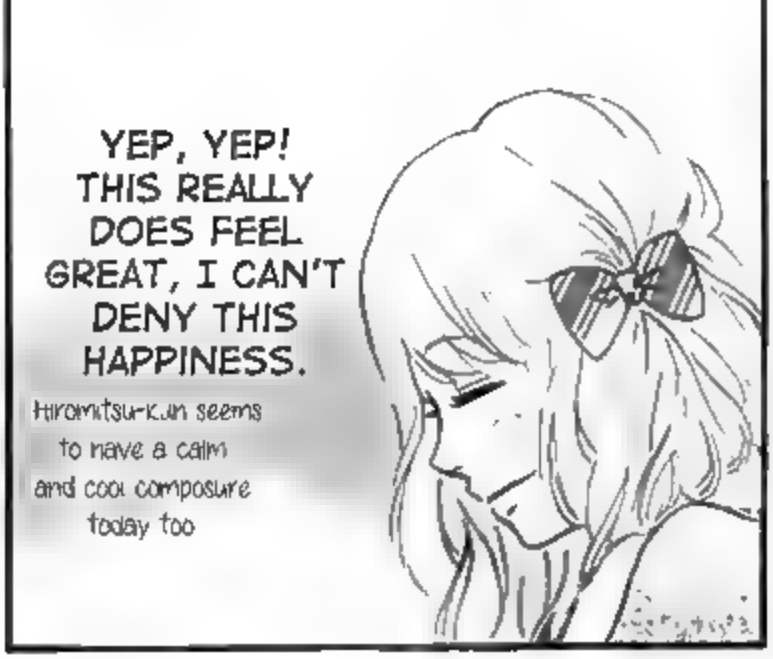
HIROMITSU-KUN~!

.....
WELL, WHATEVER
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER EITHER WAY
I shouldn't feel guilty about just this

TODAY,

IT'S THE 24TH.

I'LL BE SURE TO PUT ALL MY HEART INTO HAVING A TON OF FUN THIS EVE!


YEP, YEP! THIS REALLY DOES FEEL GREAT, I CAN'T DENY THIS HAPPINESS.
Hiramitsu-kun seems to have a calm and cool composure today too

ONCE IT GETS DARK, WE CAN GO SEE THE TREES; HOW ABOUT IT?
SHALL WE GO ON FOR NOW AND HAVE SOME TEA LATER?
SURE!

ACTUALLY, ABOUT THE PRESENT I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU...
IF WE CAN KEEP THIS UP, TODAY'LL BE ONE OF THE BEST DAYS FOR US, I BET!

OH, SHIT...! I *COMPLETELY* FORGOT ABOUT THE ACTUAL EXISTENCE OF PRESENTS FOR THIS DAY...!
I even made a list earlier.
All right!
WHY DON'T WE GO AND CHOOSE SOMETHING NOW?
Whatever you want to select. I'll buy it for you if you like it.
I'M REALLY SORRY, BUT, I STILL HAVEN'T BOUGHT IT YET
EH?

Youko-san!
WHAT'S THIS? YOU'RE ON A DATE WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?
AWW I'M SORRY, HIROMITSU -KUN !
I'VE GOT TO PICK SOMETHING UP FOR HIM WHILE I CHOOSE SOMETHING FOR MYSELF.
I wonder what's even decent I guess I'll say that I couldn't think of anything to get him.
!
Hatori -chan!
YOUKO-SAN, ARE YOU GUYS JUST GETTING GROCERIES? WHAT ARE YOU GETTING READY FOR?
You'll be making a feast, right?
AH, YES, THAT'S RIGHT
?
bow
No way-
ISN'T HE JUST A REAL STUD FOR A BOYFRIEND?!
THIS IS NAKAJIMA'S MOM AND DAD
NO, NOT AT ALL...
TEHEHE- ♡

I'VE ALREADY DONE A LOT OF COOKING PREP, YOU SEE
BUT, I'M ACTUALLY GOING OVER TO OX TOWER'S RESTAURANT (WITH PAPA HERE) RIGHT NOW
HUH? THEN, HAVE YOU CANCELLED YOUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY?
I LEFT MOST OF THE PREPARED FOOD AT HOME ALREADY
THOSE TWO CAN MAKE DO WITH WHAT'S THERE TODAY.
EH?

THEN, THAT MEANS .
RITA AND KYOUKO ARE ALONE TOGETHER AT THIS TIME?!
!
THAT'S INDEED SO IT SEEMS LIKE RITA-KUN BROUGHT SOME GAMES OVER TOO.
THEY SEEMED TO BE HAVING FUN AND MAKING A RUCKUS TOGETHER, JUST THE TWO OF THEM
EH?!
THAT'S TWO LONERS FOR YOU.
Fufu.

That's just great for them, isn't it?! Those two having fun is just grand! aHAahAHA hahAHaHAH!
The two of them are...
having a blast, hm?
That— so that's how it is, huh?!
Send my regards to your parents for me
I will, too...!
Waiting for the theatrical exit
I'll go enjoy myself together with Hiromitsu-kun from here on out!
HIROMITSU -KUN
I KNOW WHERE I WANT TO GO after all.
I M GAME FOR WHEREVER YOU'D _KE TO GO

AHAHAHAHA. ABOUT THAT..
I JUST SUDDENLY WANTED TO GO SWINGING.
Ahaha
WA,T ISN'T THAT NAKAJIMA -SAN'S PLACE?
GULP
HMM.
Well, that's just fine
YEAH, THIS IS ROUGH
Even though she trusts those two like that, I trink, anything's possible...
If, by any chance, something dubious or unseemingly were to happen between Nakajima and Rita, I thought that would make Youko-san rather distressed, you know
Erm, no, that's not it.
It's just that I'm real close to Youko-san, you see.

WHY DON'T WE JUST HAVE A BIT OF A PARTY HERE, IF IT SUITS YOU?
THAT'S FINE THEN. TODAY, WE'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, HATORI-CHAN
TO HAVE A PARTY
IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...!
THAT WOULDN'T DO...

HURRY AND SHOW YOURSELF, RITA!!!
AFTER I FEEL ASSURED OF YOUR CONDUCT, FOR YOUKO -SAN'S SAKE,
I'LL BE SURE TO JUST ENJOY THIS CHRISTMAS EVE WITH HIROMITSU-KUN...!
THERE'S SERIOUSLY NO REASON OR WAY THAT'D BE ALRIGHT WITH ANYONE!

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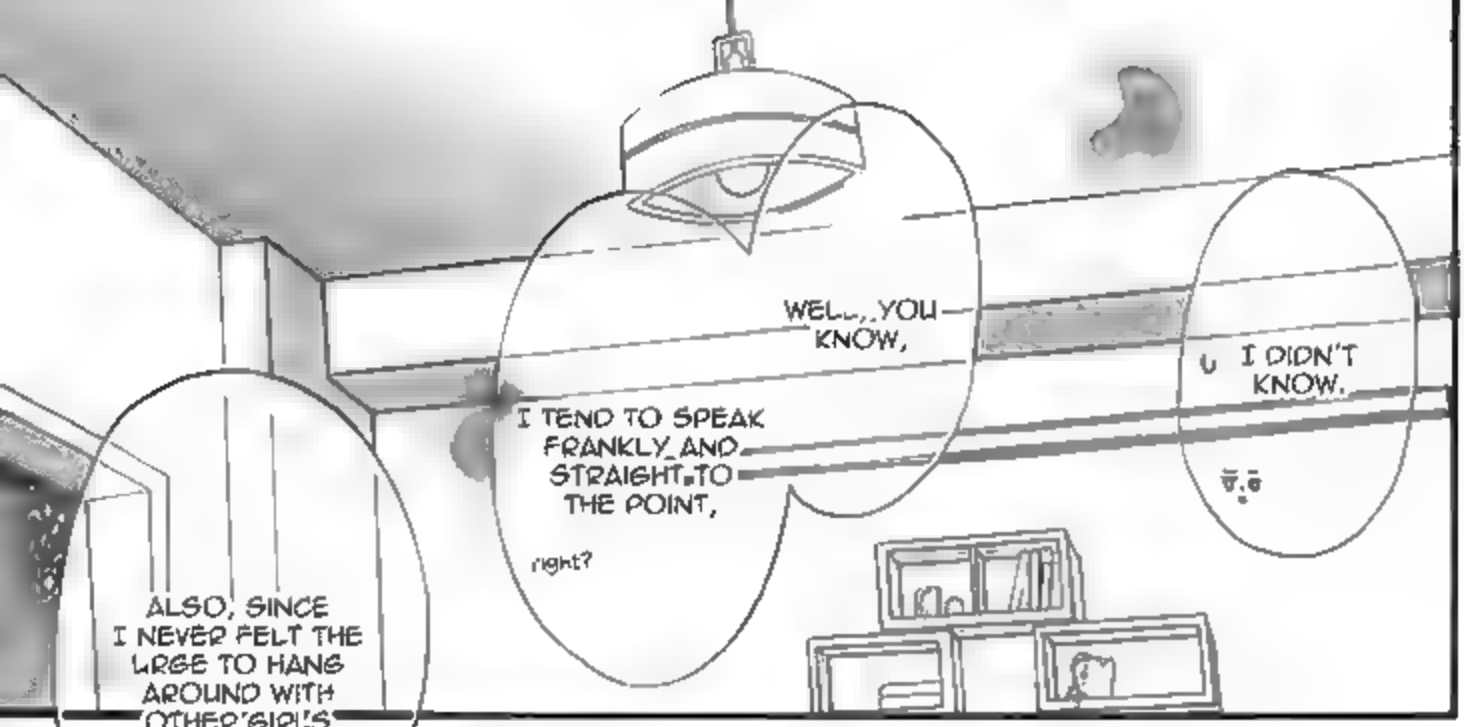
NAKA-JIMA
SHOULD I LET HER IN?
WHERE'S THE CAKE THAT I BOUGHT?
IS IT IN THE FREEZER? I'LL TAKE IT OUT
.....
pft
HATORI!? FOR REAL? WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE?
PEEKING IN OTHER PEOPLE'S HOUSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE?!?
I'LL JUST PRETEND I DIDN'T SEE HER
she'll probably go soon since it's cold outside
I DIDN'T EXPECT TERASAKA TO LIKE CAKES.
JUST SIT DOWN, I'LL CUT IT FOR YOU.
!
Idiot
I SHOULD BE THE ONE WHO CUTS IT SINCE I'M THE ONE WHO BOUGHT IT!
you sit there!
?
WELL, OKAY

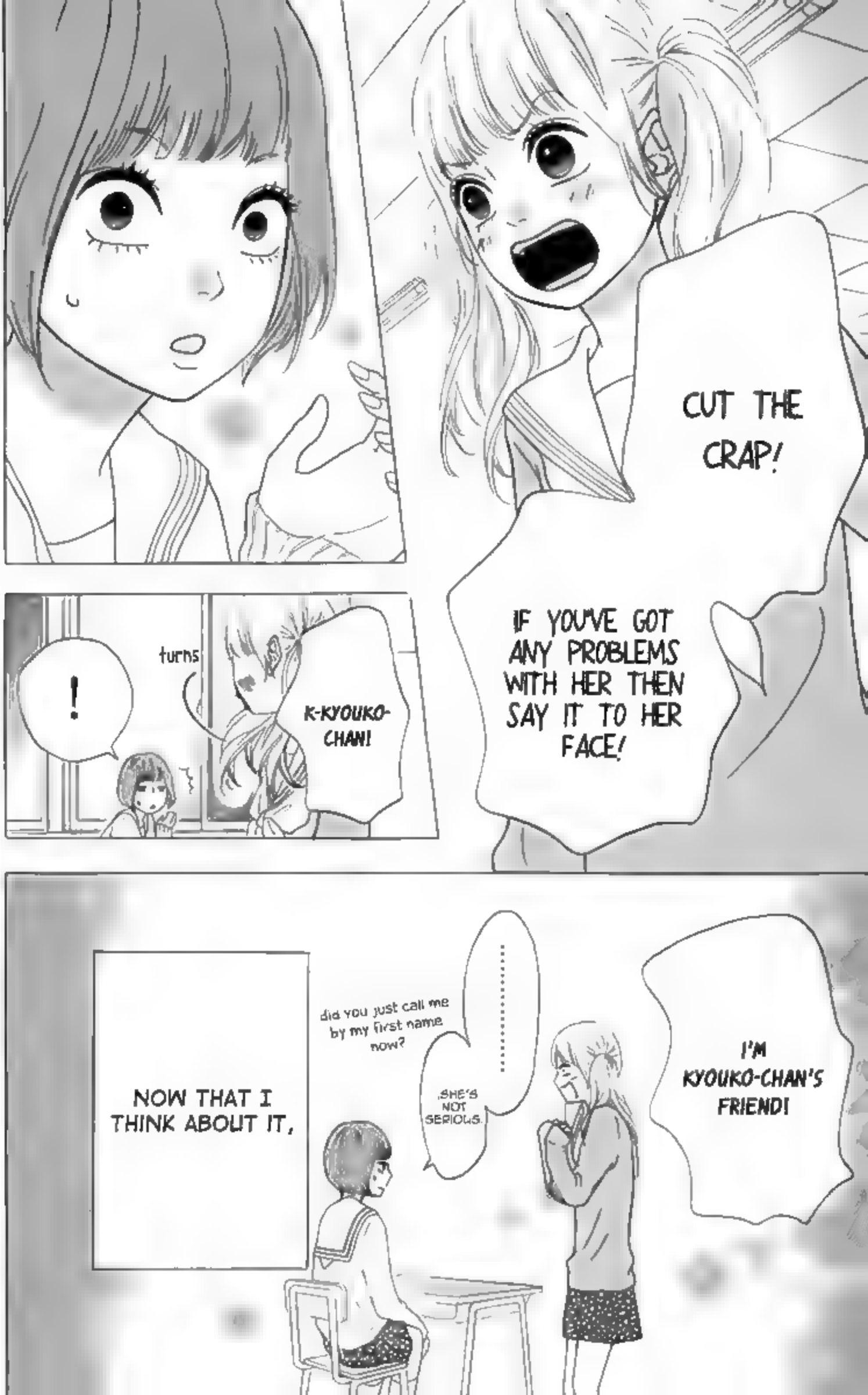
SHE'S PREJUDICED, SELF-CENTERED,
ISN'T ADACHI BETTER?
WHICH PART OF HER DO YOU LIKE?
BY THE WAY,
DON'T YOU THINK HATORI IS KIND OF STUPID?
WHAT?

THAT UNTIL MY FIRST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, I HAD NO FRIENDS AT ALL?
DID YOU KNOW
.....
WE...
HONESTLY, SHE S KIND OF ANNOYING
TOWARDS HATORI, YOU ACTUALLY..?
COULD IT BE THAT


WEL..,YOU KNOW,
I TEND TO SPEAK FRANKLY AND STRAIGHT TO THE POINT,
right?
I DIDN'T KNOW.
ALSO, SINCE I NEVER FELT THE URGE TO HANG AROUND WITH OTHER GIRLS

FRANKLY SPEAKING, IT MADE ME GIVE UP ON MAKING FRIENDS
THEY ALWAYS TALKED BEHIND MY BACK,

OI, YOU GUYS!
IT'S NOT LIKE I NEED PEOPLE LIKE YOU
.....
NO WONDER NO ONE TALKS TO HER
YEAH, SHE S ANNOYING.
NAKAJIMA'S GOT A BAD ATTITUDE, DOESN'T SHE?


CUT THE CRAP!
IF YOU'VE GOT ANY PROBLEMS WITH HER THEN SAY IT TO HER FACE!
K-KYOUKO-CHAN!
turns
!
I'M KYOUKO-CHAN'S FRIEND!
.....
did you just call me by my first name now?
SHE'S NOT SERIOUS.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,

there s no such thing.
WHAT!?
BUT HATORI...
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT SHE ONLY DID THAT TO SERVE THE SENSE OF JUSTICE WITHIN HER.
SHE REALLY LISTENED TO ME.
BUT, MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE,
THERE WERE TIMES WHEN WE WOULD FIGHT,
SHE DECIDED TO...
NAKAJI -MAA!!
NAKAJIMA.
I wil call you stupid monkey from now on
I don t care anymore about you, Kyouko-chan
Stupid Monkey!

DEPEND ON SOMEONE LIKE ME.
This is the worst!! You know, Ritaaa-

TERASAKA

IF I WERE ONE, YOU'D HAVE BEEN LOST FOR A WHILE.
true
HUH?
YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL I'M NOT A MAN.

AFTER THAT, WE SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE TOGETHER
It's winter break after all.
I SHOULD REALLY
RECONCILE WITH HER SOON.
CAN YOU PLEASE
CLOSE YOUR EYES FOR A WHILE.
NAKA-JIMA
WHILE WE'RE AT IT,

TERASAKA?
EH?
wait
huh?
WHY?
IT'S ALRIGHT.
OH?
you turned the lights off
.....
meanwhile

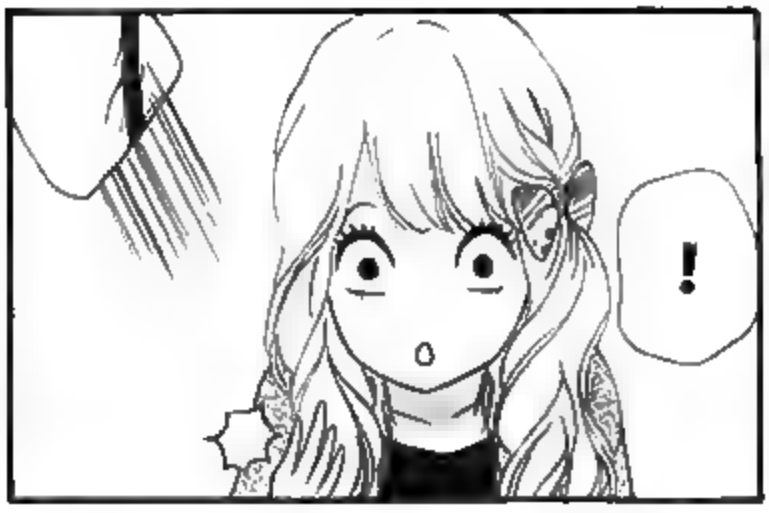
NOW,
OPEN YOUR EYES.
Nakajima, thank you so much.
Hah!!?
What is this!?
WELL, THINK OF THIS AS A SIGN OF MY GRATITUDE?
What do you think today is? Mother's day?
this is kinda embarassing

I'M REALLY GLAD THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO BE BY MY SIDE
I'M SURE HATORI ALSO FEELS THE SAME
SINCE I'M STUPID AND INDECISIVE, I PONDER ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS.
BUT THERE YOU ARE ALWAYS TELLING ME EXACTLY WHAT I SHOULD DO
YOUR WORDS MIGHT BE HARSH,
BUT THOSE WORDS ALSO HELP ME AT THE SAME TIME.
I ALWAYS FEEL THAT EVEN IF I WERE TO GO ASTRAY, I WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE CHANCE TO START AGAIN
I THINK
YOU'RE A REALLY AMAZING PERSON.
you're not a boy but you're still cool.
!

EVEN THOUGH I'M LIKE THIS,
I HOPE THAT DURING HARD TIMES, I CAN BE YOUR STRENGTH AND SOMEONE YOU CAN DEPEND ON!
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME FROM NOW ON!
YOU.
HN?
YOU REALLY DIDN'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING, HUH?
WHAT?
DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T LIKE CAKE...
TERASAKA.

DOING UNNECESSARY THINGS LIKE THIS!
WHY
DID THEY TURN THE LIGHTS OFF?
I DIDN'T SEE THEM GO OUT
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THEY WENT TO ANOTHER ROOM EITHER
Mission accomplished
IT'S GAME OVER
I...
WHAT AM I DOING?
HATORI-CHAN

SERIOUSLY, WHAT AM I DOING?
AREN'T YOU JUST FORCING YOURSELF?
IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN'T MEET AGAIN TOMORROW
SHOULD WE CALL IT OFF FOR THE DAY?
Eh?
I DON'T WANT TO!!
WHY??
EVEN THOUGH TODAY
WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS EVE...
RUSTLE
ABOUT?
I'm sorry Hiromitsu-kun!!
Uh.
I DIDN'T CLIMB IT, YOU DID, ^^ HATORI-CHAN.
I made you waste your time on a tree!
Even though it's Christmas Eve.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HIROMITSU-KUN, YOU DROPPED SOMETHING.
WHAT'S THIS?
a gift?
!

I-IT'S NOTHING
?

EEH?! REALLY?
YOU GOT THIS FOR ME?!
I won't!
OKAY, THIS IS A PRESENT FOR YOU.
Don't ask

...

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
Let's see
I WONDER WHAT IT IS..
HOW cute!!
I've always wanted something like this!!
Hiromitsu-kun, thank you so much!!
Why did you think I'll laugh?
WELL, SINCE I KNIT THEM MYSELF..
WHAT?!
For real?
SEE, YOU'RE LAUGHING
No, I'm not!

THIS IS...
SOME-THING THAT HIROMITSU-KUN MADE?
IT'S FINE
REALLY, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I'M DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS
Laughs
THIS GIFT TOO, MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN IT TO YOU.
IT'S FINE IF YOU WANT TO THROW IT AWAY.
Really
BUT IN THE END, NOTHING PARTICULAR CAME TO MIND.
I ALWAYS WONDERED
IF THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT COULD MAKE HATORI-CHAN HAPPY...

!
HATORI-CHAN?
THE WORST.

I'M THE WORST.
WHAT'S WRONG?
HIROMITSU-KUN...
HM?
TO BE HONEST,
THANK YOU.
I WAS GLAD THAT HIROMITSU-KUN DIDN'T BUY ME A PRESENT.
THINKING ABOUT HIM AT ALL.
I WASN'T...

I'M SO SORRY.

HIROMITSU-KUN...

HEY!
!

I WILL NOT MAKE ANOTHER MISTAKE.
NAKAJIMA...
WHO ARE YOU, ERIKA-SAMA?
NO, IT'S FINE.
YOU DION'T SAY THAT YOU'D COME.
Want to come in?

YOU SHOULD GO OUT WITH RITA!
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